

# ViPlex Express

Display Content Publishing Management System for PC

V2.6.1



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# **1** Software Introduction

ViPlex Express is a display content publishing management system for PC, which is installed in the Windows operating system and allows you to edit solutions and play the solutions on LCD or LED displays. In async mode, ViPlex Express is also used to control multimedia players. This document introduces you to the functions and operations in async mode.

# **Two Working Modes**

ViPlex Express has two working modes and you can switch to your desired mode based on the application scenario.

#### Studio Mode

When a solution is being played in ViPlex Express, the solution is also played synchronously on the display. This mode is applicable to synchronous playback.

The playback window is on the extended display. You can use the screen monitoring function to view the playback on your primary monitor.

#### Async Mode

ViPlex Express sends solutions to multimedia players. The solutions will be stored in the multimedia players and played according to their playback plans. This mode is applicable to the scenario when multimedia players load displays.

# **Professional Solution Editing**

ViPlex Express is designed with a professional solution editing function allowing you to edit solutions with various contents and complex schedules as required.

#### Multiple pages

A solution can be added with multiple pages that are played in order from top to bottom.

#### Flexible layout

You can use a system template or customize a template when adding a page. In a template, you can set the number, coordinates, width, and height of windows based on your needs.

#### A variety of media

On a page, you can add general windows, cut-to-display window, Office documents, images, videos, GIF, text, colorful text, digital clocks, analog clocks, timers, weather, RSS, streaming media and web pages.

#### Multiple properties

Every type of media has multiple properties that can satisfy your needs and present a variety of solutions.

#### Scheduling as you wish

You can set a timeslot and cycle for each page to play. The schedules of a page can be batch applied to other pages. If the timeslots of several pages overlap, the pages will be played in order from top to bottom

#### Quick preview

Clicking the preview button allows you to preview the current page. The preview window refreshes immediately when you move on to another page.

# All-round Terminal Control

In async mode, ViPlex Express enables you to fully control multimedia players, such as brightness adjustment, time synchronization, font management, terminal upgrade, video source switching, screen status control, play log query, network configuration, and RF management.



# 2 Getting Started

# 2.1 Preparing a PC

Minimum requirements:

- OS: Windows 7 SP1 64-bit
- CPU: i5
- RAM: 4 GB
- HDD: 60 GB

# 2.2 Installing Software

# **Prerequisites**

- Framework 4.6.x is installed.
- The official version of Visual C++ 2017 runtime components are installed.
- The installation package of ViPlex Express is obtained.

# Where to Obtain

http://www.en.vnnox.com/download

# **Operating Procedure**

Double click the installer and install ViPlex Express according to the setup wizard.

# 2.3 Selecting Working Mode

# **First Installation**

After ViPlex Express is first installed, a **Select Mode** dialog box appears when you open ViPlex Express. Select **Studio Mode** and click **Open**.

Figure 2-1 Selecting a mode





# **Other Situations**

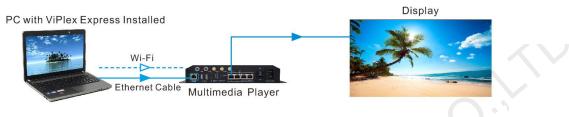
If you have installed ViPlex Express or selected a working mode before, the dialog box shown in Figure 2-1 will not appear. If ViPlex Express is in studio mode by default after opened, switch to the async mode by following the steps below:

In the top-right corner, choose We > Working Mode > Async Mode and click OK. ViPlex Express will be in async mode after restarted.

# 2.4 Connecting to Displays

Figure 2-2 and Figure 2-3 use the TB6 Taurus series multimedia player as an example to show the connection.

#### Figure 2-2 Ethernet cable



#### Ethernet cable

The PC with ViPlex Express installed is connected to multimedia players via Ethernet cable.

The DHCP of multimedia players is enabled, the DHCP in the top-left corner of ViPlex Express is turned on. Select a local IP address and click **OK**. ViPlex Express will automatically connect to the Taurus. If the connection is not stable, set a static IP address for the PC.

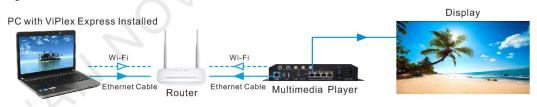
Note: Before enabling the DHCP service, turn off the firewall of the PC or set the ICMP echo reply policy.

🕈 🛛 Wi-Fi

The PC with ViPlex Express installed is connected to multimedia players via Wi-Fi.

When the multimedia player has built-in Wi-Fi AP, you can use this method without the need for configuration. For instance, when the multimedia player has built-in Wi-Fi AP, the default SSID is "AP+*Last 8 digits of the SN*" and the default password is "12345678".

#### Figure 2-3 LAN



#### Wired LAN

The PC with ViPlex Express installed and multimedia players connected to the same wired LAN via Ethernet cable.

If this method is used, the configuration is not required.

#### Wireless LAN

The PC with ViPlex Express installed and multimedia players connected to the same wireless LAN via Wi-Fi.

This method is available when multimedia players support Wi-Fi Sta. The DHCP of multimedia players is enabled. Log in to multimedia players with ViPlex Express and connect to the Wi-Fi AP of the router on the network configuration page.

# 2.5 Logging In to Terminals

After you select async mode, the terminal management page of async mode will be displayed.



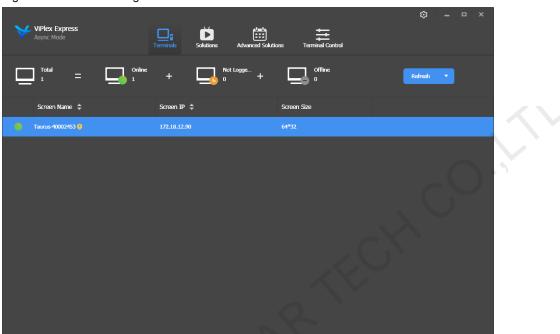
# **Required Information**

Login user name and password of the multimedia player, for example, the default login user name and password of the Taurus series multimedia players are "admin" and "123456", respectively.

#### Logging In to Terminals

Step 1 Click **Refresh** to refresh the screen list.





After detecting a terminal, ViPlex Express will try to log in to the terminal with the default account or the account used for the last login.

If terminals and ViPlex Express are not on the same network segment and can be pinged. Click next to **Refresh**, select **Specify IP** and enter an IP address or IP range to connect to terminals manually.

- One of the second second
- Denotes the terminal is offline and you cannot log in to it.
- Denotes you have successfully logged into the terminal.
- Step 2 Click Connect next to screen information.
- Step 3 Enter the password for the "admin" user and then click OK.

After successful login, ViPlex Express saves the account information automatically.

#### Related Operations

After successful login, if the password is verified as a weak password, 💟 will be displayed next to the terminal name. You are advised to change the password to a complex one to enhance security.

Right-click the screen information, and the related operations will be displayed:

- Log Out: Log out of the terminal.
- Rename: Rename the terminal.
- Change Password: Change the connection password of the Taurus Wi-Fi AP and the login password of the "admin" user.
- Forget Password: Delete the password saved during the last login.
- Download Operation Log: Download the operation logs of asynchronous terminals.

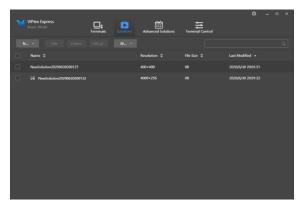


# 2.6 Creating Solutions

After updated, the solution data in async mode will be synchronized to studio mode.

Step 1 Choose **Solutions** to access the solution management page.

Figure 2-5 Solution management



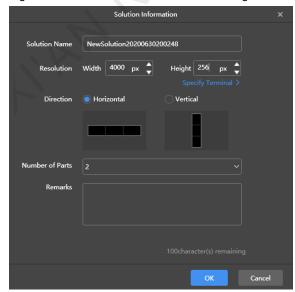
Step 2 Click New and select Regular Screen or Ultra-Long Screen from the drop-down menu.

The **Solution** Information dialog box appears.

Figure 2-6 Solution information for a regular screen

	Solution Information	×
Solution Name	NewSolution20200630200234	
Resolution	Width 400 px 🔷 Height 400 px 🔷	
Remarks		
	OK Cancel	

Figure 2-7 Solution information for an ultra-long screen



Step 3 Set a name, resolution, and other information for the solution, then click **OK** to access the solution editing page.



- The resolution of a solution for a regular screen (hereinafter referred to as "regular-screen solution") must be consistent with the resolution of the screen.
- The resolution of a solution for an ultra-long screen (hereinafter referred to as "ultra-long-screen solution") must be consistent with the configured screen width and height.
- Step 4 After the solution editing is done, click **Save**.
- Step 5 (Optional) At the upper right of the page, click is to view the schedule of each page in the solution.
- Step 6 (Optional) At the upper right of the page, click early to preview the current page.

When the preview window is opened, you can also select other pages to preview. If you make changes to the current page, click of the refresh the preview window.

Step 7 After the solution editing is done, click **Publish** and select players to publish the solution.

# 2.7 Publishing Solutions

Solutions containing media can be published.

- Step 1 Choose Solutions.
- Step 2 In the solution list, move your mouse over a solution and click

The **Publish** dialog box appears.

Figure 2-8 Publishing a solution

		Publish			×
Solutio	on Name: NewSolution2020063020012				
	Terminal Name	Screen Size	Terminal IP	Progress	
	Taurus-40002453	128X64	172.18.12.125		
Re					one

Step 3 Click Refresh to display all the terminals that are logged in.

Note: During solution publishing, ViPlex Express automatically converts the video formats that are not supported by the terminal.

- Step 4 Select one or more terminals and click **Publish**.
- Step 5 After the solution is published successfully, click Done.

# 2.8 Controlling Terminals

Users can control the brightness, display status, video source switching, etc. of a terminal in real time or as scheduled. For details, see 4 Terminal Control.

# **3** Solution Management

# 3.1 Creating Solutions

- For different screens, you can create regular-screen solutions and ultra-long-screen solutions.
- After updated, the solution data in async mode will be synchronized to studio mode.

# 3.1.1 Creating a Regular-Screen Solution

# **Related Information**

- A regular-screen solution contains one or more pages and each page contains one or more media items.
- The pages of a solution are played in order from top to bottom.

#### **Operating Procedure**

Before you create a solution, get the screen resolution in advance.

Step 1 Choose Solutions to access the solution management page.

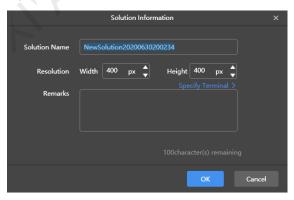
Figure 3-1 Solution management

				© – □ ×
VIPlex Express Async Mode	Terminals	Advanced Solutions	Terminal Control	
Na • Edit Delete				Q
Name ©		Resolution 🖨	File Size 💠	Last Modified 🔺
NewSolution20200630200125		400×400		2020/6/30 20:01:51
6 iii Needadiina000003000112		4000-256		20094/0-2001.52

Step 2 Click New and select Regular Screen from the drop-down menu.

The Solution Information dialog box appears.

Figure 3-2 Solution information



Step 3 Set a name and resolution for the solution, then click **OK** to access the solution editing page, as shown in Figure 3-2.

You can also set a resolution by clicking **Specify Terminal** and the resolution will be the same as the resolution of the terminal you select.



# 1 NewSchleine/20200592020125 (400-400) 2 3 x x Image: Imag

Figure 3-3 Solution editing page

The description of the solution editing page is shown in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1 Description of t	the solution editing page
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No.	Function	Description	
1	Saving a solution, saving a solution as another solution and setting solution information	and setting solution informa	saving a solution as another solution ation
2	Adding media You can click an icon to add a corresponding media item.	Image: General window         Image: File         Image: Colorful text         Image: Colorful text <tr< td=""><td>Image: Cut-to-display window         Image: Text         Image: Digital clock         Image: Digital clock         Image: Timer         Image: Environment monitoring         Image: Streaming media</td></tr<>	Image: Cut-to-display window         Image: Text         Image: Digital clock         Image: Digital clock         Image: Timer         Image: Environment monitoring         Image: Streaming media
3	Viewing schedules, previewing pages and publishing solutions		s, previewing the current page and
4	Editing solution pages You can add, copy, and delete pages and adjust the order of pages.	+ <sub>: Add</sub>	: Open the <b>Page Template</b> dialog box
	Pages are played in order from top to bottom.	E: Copy	E Delete
		Thumbnail view (Only the thumbnails of pages are displayed.)	List view: (The thumbnails of pages and the names of the media items contained in the currently selected page are displayed.)
5	Editing media on pages	E Zoom editing area in	Q: Zoom editing area out



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No.	Function	Description		
		EShow the editing area in the original size	E: Automatically fit the editing area according to the software interface	
		: Delete selected media	: Clear all media	
		ा : Crop image	E: Bring forward	
		E: Send backward	E Bring to front	
		E: Send to back	E: Fill the entire screen	
		Fit the screen horizontally	Fit the screen vertically	
		E Align top	te : Center vertically	
		LE: Align bottom	E Align left	
		÷: Center horizontally	E Align right	
6	Editing properties	Used for editing widget and	page properties	
			ts are the media added to a page. t types of media vary. Click a widget t its properties.	
		<ul> <li>Page Properties: Set the r playback schedule of a page</li> </ul>	name, play count, validity range, and age.	
	1	<ul> <li>Play Count: Set the r continuously.</li> </ul>	number of times to play a page	
	S	Date and End Date	this option is selected, the <b>Start</b> parameters are displayed. Expired d during solution playback.	
	O	page and select the	u to specify the timeslots to play a days to repeat the playback. If the pages overlap, the pages will be top to bottom.	
ľ	1	current page to other	ws you to apply the schedule of the r pages. You can select multiple chedule to them at the same time.	

#### Notes

- When you add an Excel file, the number of rows of the Excel file must be less than or equal to 600 and the total width of the columns must be less than or equal to the width of an A4 landscape paper. It is recommended that you set the page layout of the Excel file to A4 landscape.
- A valid URL is required when you add RSS, streaming media, or web page media.
- When you add weather media, the terminal must be connected to the Internet so that it can obtain real-time weather information.
- When you add environment monitoring media, connect to the sensor logically in ViPlex Express after the sensor is connected to the terminal. For details, see 4.16 Sensor.
- For the limitations on cut-to-display windows, see 7 Limitations on Cut-to-Display Windows for Regular Screens.

Step 4 After the solution editing is done, click **Save**.

Step 5 (Optional) At the upper right of the page, click

to view the schedule of each page in the solution.

Step 6 (Optional) At the upper right of the page, click

to preview the current page.

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When the preview window is opened, you can also select other pages to preview. If you make changes to the current page, click

to refresh the preview window.

Step 7 After the solution editing is done, click **Publish** and select players to publish the solution.

# 3.1.2 Creating an Ultra-Long-Screen Solution

## **Applications**

If the pixel width of the resolution of a screen is greater than the pixel width of the maximum loading capacity of a multimedia player or the pixel height of the resolution of a screen is greater than the pixel height of the maximum loading capacity of a multimedia player, but the screen resolution does not exceed the maximum loading capacity of the multimedia player, you can use ultra-long-screen solutions.

#### Note:

For the limitations on the playback parameter specifications for ultra-long screens, see 8 Limitations on Playback Parameters for Ultra-long Screens.

# **Application Example**

The resolution of a screen is 9000×128 or 128×9000 and the maximum loading capacity of a TB8 multimedia player is 2,300,000 pixels with a maximum width of 4096 pixels and a maximum height of 1920 pixels.

# **Screen Configuration**

The screen width and height to be configured cannot exceed the maximum width and height of the loading capacity of the TB8, as shown in Figure 3-4 and Figure 3-5.

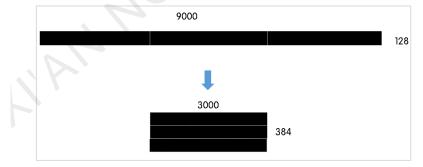
#### Ultra-wide screen (9000×128)

- Number of parts: 9000/4096=2.20 (Here an integer is required, so the number of parts is 3.)
- Screen width to be configured: 9000/3=3000
- Screen height to be configured: 128×3=384

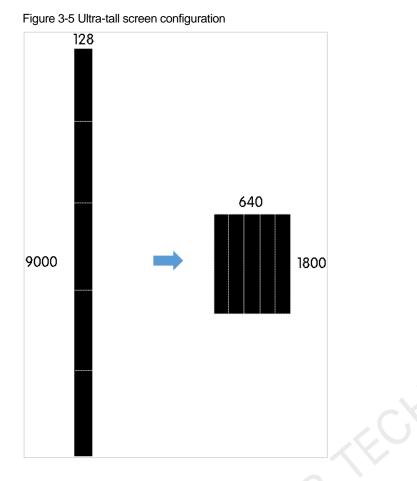
#### Ultra-tall screen (128×9000)

- Number of parts: 9000/1920=4.69 (Here an integer is required, so the number of parts is 5.)
- Screen width to be configured: 128×5=640
- Screen height to be configured: 128x2=256 Screen height to be configured: 9000/5=1800

Figure 3-4 Ultra-wide screen configuration







When you set the connection of receiving cards and an Ethernet port loads two rows/columns or more, the connection must follow the shape of the letter Z, as shown in Figure 3-6 and Figure 3-7.

		1	2	3	4	5	6
	1	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Rec <mark>S ing-&gt;</mark>	Sending Card:1 Port:1	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Red Dring
		Card:1 Width:512	Card:2 Width:512	Card:3 Width:512	Card:4 Width:512	Card:5 Width:512	Card:6 Width:440
		Sending Card:1 Port:2 RecSting	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Deceiving	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Deceiving	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Description	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Desciving	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Rod Oring
	2	Card:1 Width:512	Card:2 Width:512	Card:3 Width:512	Card:4 Width:512	Card:5 Width:512	Card:6 Width:440
	3	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Rec <mark>S ing →</mark>	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Deceiving	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Rec Dring
-	3	Card:1 Width:512	Card:2 Width:512	Card:3 Width:512	Card:4 Width:512	Card:5 Width:512	Card:6 Width:440

#### Figure 3-6 Ultra-wide screen connection

#### Figure 3-7 Ultra-tall screen connection



If you want to set receiving cards to blank, you can only set the receiving cards at both ends to blank, as shown in Figure 3-8 and Figure 3-9.



#### Figure 3-8 Blank receiving cards of an ultra-wide screen

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1		Sending Card:1 Port:1 Rec <mark>S ing-&gt;</mark>	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Red Oring
		Card:1 Width:512	Card:2 Width:512	Card:3 Width:512	Card:4 Width:512	Card:5 Width:440
2	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Rec Sting	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Resolving	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Description	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Description	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Deceiving	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Rod Dying
2	Card:1 Width:512	Card:2 Width:512	Card:3 Width:512	Card:4 Width:512	Card:5 Width:512	Card:6 Width:440
▶ 3	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Rec <mark>S ing-&gt;</mark>	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Receiving	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Rec Dying	
F 3	Card:1 Width:512	Card:2 Width:512	Card:3 Width:512	Card:4 Width:512	Card:5 Width:512	

Figure 3-9 Blank receiving cards of an ultra-tall screen

		1	2	3	4	5
►	1		Sending Card:1 Port:1 Receiving Card:4 Wint 128	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Rec <mark>S</mark> ving Card:1 Widt 128	Sending Card:1 Port:2 Receiving Card:5 Wint 128	Sending Card:1 Port:3 Rec <mark>S</mark> ving Cald:1 Widt <mark>+</mark> 128
	2	Sending Card:1 Port:1 Rec <mark>S</mark> ving Card:1 Widt <mark>:</mark> 128	Sending Card:1 Polt1 Receiving Card:5 Widt 128	Sending Card:1 Polt:2 Receiving Card:2 Widt 128	Sending Card:1 Polt:2 Receiving Card:6 Widt 128	Sending Card:1 Polt:3 Receiving Card:2 Widt 128
	3	Sending Card:1 Polt:1 Receiving Card:2 Width:128	Sending Card:1 Polt1 Receiving Card:6 Widt 128	Sending Card:1 Polt:2 Receiving Card:3 Widt 128	Sending Card:1 Polt:2 Receiving Card:7 Widt 128	Sending Card:1 Polt:3 RedUring Card:3 Width:128
	4	Sending Card:1 Polt1 Receiving Card:3 Width:128	Sending Card:1 Polt1 Reduing Card:7 Width:128	Sending Card:1 Polt2 Receiving Card:4 Width:128	Sending Card:1 Polt:2 Red@ing Card:8 Width:128	

# **Operating Procedure**

The preceding application will be used as an example to introduce how to create an ultra-long-screen solution.

Step 1 Choose **Solutions** to access the solution management page.

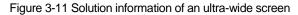
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VIPlex Express Agync Mode	erminals Solutions	Advanced Solutions	Terminal Control	© – ¤ ×
Name ‡		Resolution \$	File Size 💠	Last Modified 🔺
NewSolution20200630200125		400×400		2020/6/30 20:01:51
GW NewGolution/02000/30000112	4	4000-256	66	2039,WJ0 2001:12

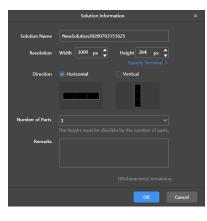
Figure 3-10 Solution information

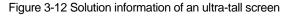
Step 2 Click New and select Ultra-Long Screen from the drop-down menu.

The Solution Information dialog box appears.









	Solution Information	
Solution Name	NewSolution20200703151625	
Resolution	Width 640 px + Height 1800 px + Specify Terminal >	
Direction	Horizontal Vertical	
Number of Parts Remarks		
	OK Carv	

Step 3 Set a name, resolution, direction and the number of parts for the solution, then click OK.

- The resolution of the solution must be consistent with the configured screen width and height.
- Here the width of the ultra-wide screen is 3000 and its height is 384, and the width of the ultra-tall screen is 640 and its height is 1800. For details, see the preceding Screen Configuration.
- Set the direction according to the actual situation, For an ultra-wide screen, select Horizontal, while for an ultra-tall screen, select Vertical.

Here the direction is Horizontal.

• The number of parts is calculated according to the actual screen width and height and the configured screen width and height.

Here the number of parts of the ultra-wide screen is 3 and the number of parts of the ultra-tall screen is 5. For details, see Screen Configuration.

- Step 4 Edit the solution on the solution editing page, as shown in Figure 3-13.
  - In the page media editing area, the page is displayed based on the actual screen resolution and the boundaries appear according to the number of parts.
  - Only images, text and colorful text can be placed across the boundary.



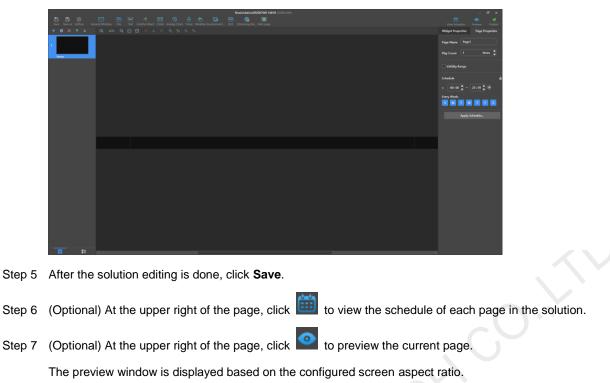


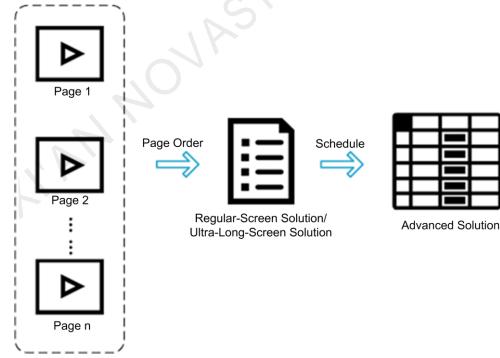
Figure 3-13 Ultra-long-screen solution editing page

Step 8 After the solution editing is done, click Publish and select players to publish the solution.

# 3.2 Scheduling Solutions

# **Applications**

An advanced solution is a collection of scheduled regular-screen solutions or ultra-long-screen solutions.



# **Operating Procedure**

Step 1 Choose Advanced Solutions to access the advanced solutions page.



#### Figure 3-14 Advanced solutions

				\$ _ □ ×
ViPlex Express Async Mode	Terminals Solutions		Terminal Control	
New Edit Delete				Q
□ Name ≑		Solution Qty 🜲	File Size 🜲	Last Modified 🗢
AdvancedSolution1			ОВ	2020-06-30 20:10:52
AdvancedSolution0			OB	2020-06-30 20:10:47

Step 2 Click New to open the New Advanced Solution page.

#### Figure 3-15 New advanced solution

			New Advanced Soli	ution	×
Name	Advanc	cedSolution0			
+					
	No.	Scheduled Solution	Validity Range	Repeat	Playback duration
	e playbaci eduled Co	ntent	conflict, the solutions will be playe uled period, the non-scheduled co		rom bottom to top in the list.
	6				Add Cancel

Step 3 Enter a name for the advanced solution.

Step 4 Click

#### Figure 3-16 Adding playback plan

	Add Playback Plan	×
Solution		
Validity Range	Never expires	~
Repeat	Every day	~
Playback duration	+ Add	
	00:00:00 🗘 ~ 23:59:59 🗘 🗙	
	Add	Cancel

- Step 5 Select a solution and set its validity range, repeat method, and playback durations.
- Step 6 Click Add.
- Step 7 Repeat Step 5 and Step 6 to add more solutions.
- Step 8 After solutions are added, click Cancel.
- Step 9 (Optional) Click the box next to **Non-Scheduled Content**, select a solution and click **OK**. The non-scheduled content will be played by default during the non-scheduled period.

Figure 3-17	Addina	non-scheduled content	
i iguic o i i	/ www.		

			Edit Advanced Sol	ution	×
Name	Adva	ncedSolution1 $ imes  o  o$			
	No.	Scheduled Solution	Validity Range	Repeat	Playback duration
		NewSolution2020063	Never expires	Every day	00:00:00-23:59:59
		NewSolution2020063	Never expires	Every day	00:00:00-23:59:59
		n the list. Content			
					OK Cancel

Step 10 Click Add.

# 3.3 Publishing Solutions

# **Applications**

Send regular-screen solutions, ultra-long-screen solutions and scheduled advanced solutions to terminals. www.novastar.tech

# **Related Information**

- A solution containing media can be published.
- Only one solution can be sent to a terminal each time.
- A solution can be sent to multiple terminals.

#### **Operating Procedure**

- Step 1 Choose Solutions or Advanced Solutions.
- Step 2 In the solution list, move your mouse over a solution and click

The **Publish** dialog box appears.

Figure 3-18 Publishing a solution

	Publish			×	
Solution Name: NewSolution20200630200125				Q	
Terminal Name	Screen Size	Terminal IP	Progress		
Taurus-40002453	128X64	172.18.12.125		U	
Refresh				Done	

Step 3 Click Refresh to display all the terminals that are logged in.

Note: During solution publishing, ViPlex Express automatically converts the video formats that are not supported by the terminal.

- Step 4 Select one or more terminals and click Publish.
- Step 5 After the solution is published successfully, click Done.

# 3.4 USB Playback

#### **Applications**

When a multimedia player can play solutions imported from a USB drive, users can import solutions to a USB drive by using the USB playback function in ViPlex Express and then insert the USB drive into the multimedia player to enable solution playback.

#### **Related Information**

- A solution containing media supports USB playback.
- Multiple solutions can be exported to a USB drive each time.

During USB playback, the specified solution is played by default.



# **Operating Procedure**

- Step 1 Choose Solutions or Advanced Solutions.
- Step 2 In the solution list, move your mouse over a solution and click **LP**, or select one or more solutions and click **USB Playback**.

The USB playback dialog box appears.

Figure 3-19 USB playback

	USB playback	x
Play Mode	Plug and play     Copy and play	
Path	C:\Users\Nova003025\Desktop	
Terminal password	¢¢	
Specify solution	NewSolution20200630201328	
	NewSolution20200630200125	
	ОК	Cancel

- Step 3 Specify a playback mode.
  - Plug and play: The solution starts to play as soon as you insert the USB drive where the solution is stored in the terminal. Do NOT remove the USB drive during playback.
  - Copy and play: The solution starts to paly after the solution in the USB drive is copied to the terminal. Do NOT remove the USB drive during playback.
- Step 4 Click to choose a location to store the solutions to be exported.
- Step 5 Enter the connection password of the terminal.

After the USB drive where solutions are stored is inserted into the terminal, the solutions can be played only when the password is correct.

- Step 6 Select a solution and click OK.
- Step 7 After solutions are exported successfully, click **Done**.

# 3.5 Exporting/Importing Solutions

#### **Applications**

Transfer solutions by exporting and importing solution files with ViPlex Express.

#### **Related Information**

- A solution containing media can be exported.
- Regular-screen solutions, ultra-long-screen solutions and scheduled advanced solutions can be exported and imported.

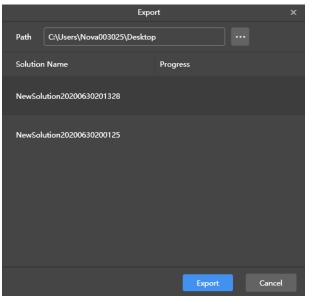


# **Operating Procedure**

#### **Export solutions**

- Step 1 Choose Solutions or Advanced Solutions.
- Step 2 From the solution list, select one or more solutions and then choose More > Export.

#### Figure 3-20 Exporting solutions



Step 3 Click to choose a location to store the solutions to be exported.

#### Step 4 Click Export.

Note: During solution exporting, ViPlex Express automatically converts the video formats that are not supported by the terminal.

Step 5 After the solutions are exported successfully, close the dialog box.

#### Import solutions

Step 1 From the **Solutions** page, choose **More** > **Import**.

Or click Import on the Advanced Solutions page.

Figure 3-21 Importing solutions

	Import	×
Path	C:\Users\Nova003025\Desktop	
	Next	Cancel



Click to choose the location of the local files.

Step 3 Click Next.

Step 4 After the solutions are imported successfully, click **Done**.



# 4 Terminal Control

# **Function List**

Function	Sub-Function	Taurus LED Players	Taurus LCD Players	VPlayer
	Adjust volume in real time	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Playback management	Manage terminal solutions	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Brightness adjustment	-	$\checkmark$		
Video source	Configure video source parameters	$\checkmark$	. <	
	Switch video source	$\checkmark$		
Screen status control	-	$\checkmark$	$\sim O^{-1}$	
Time sycnhronization	Sync time manually	1	$\checkmark$	
	Sync time with NTP	1	$\checkmark$	
	Sync time with RF	N		
Restart configuration	-	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Color temperature	-	$\checkmark$		
Monitoring	JAST	$\checkmark$	√ (Available memory usage and CPU usage are not available.)	
Play logs	Query play logs	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
	Export play logs	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Font management	Add fonts	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
	Delete fonts	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Network configuration	Configure wired network	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
	Configure Wi-Fi AP	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
	Configure Wi-Fi Sta	$\checkmark$		
	Configure mobile network	$\checkmark$		
	Configure network detection	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Server configuration	Bind to VNNOX Standard/AD	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
	Bind to iCare	$\checkmark$		



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Function	Sub-Function	Taurus LED Players	Taurus LCD Players	VPlayer
Terminal upgrade	Online upgrade	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
	Local upgrade	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Power control	-	$\checkmark$	√ (No support for multi-function card power)	
RF management	-	$\checkmark$		
Sensor	-	$\checkmark$		
Screen information	-	$\checkmark$	N	

# **Common Operations**

• Click the Read back button to read terminal information back to ViPlex Express and display it.

Figure 4-1 Readback

In the terminal list, you can select multiple terminals with the **Ctrl+Shift** keyboard shortcut.

Selecting multiple terminals is not available in **Playback management**, **Video source**, **Network configuration**, **Sensor**, and **Screen information**.



#### Figure 4-2 Selecting multiple terminals

		🛱 Time synchronization manag				-	
		I ime synchronization manag	ement ~				
		Current screen:	Taurus-40002453				
Screen Name 🌲	Screen IP 🌲	Information Obtained On:	2020/8/17 10:06:51				
		Time synchronization					
Taurus-40002455	172.18.12.128	Time zone	(UTC-05:00) America/Chicago				
		Date and time					
			Daylight saving time enabled				
			Auto sync time with NTP server				
		NTP server	China				
				Apply			
		Synchronous Playing					
		Synchronous Playing	✓ Enable				
				Apply			
					Read	back	

# 4.1 Playback Management

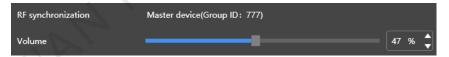
Manage the playback mode, volume, and content of terminals.

#### 4.1.1 Adjusting Volume in Real Time

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Playback Management.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 In the Playback Configuration area, adjust the volume by dragging the slider or entering a value.

When the information related to RF synchronization is displayed, as shown in Figure 4-3, it indicates that volume synchronization is enabled on the current terminal. See relevant operations in 4.15 RF Management. RF synchronization requires you to specify a master device and slave devices. Users only need to set the volume of the master device. The slave devices will keep the same volume as the master device via an RF signal.

Figure 4-3 RF synchronization-volume



# 4.1.2 Managing Terminal Solutions

 Viewing screenshot: Click View Screenshot to view the real-time screenshot of the solution which is being played on the terminal.

Figure 4-4 Viewing the screenshot





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• Playing a solution: Move the mouse to the thumbnail of the solution and click

Figure 4-5 Solution	list		
Local Solution List			
Delete			
Double NewSolution1	VNNOXProgram		

- Stopping playing a solution: Move the mouse to the thumbnail of the solution and click
- Deleting a solution: Select a solution in the solution thumbnail list and click Delete.
- Rotating a solution: Select a rotation angle from the drop-down box next to **Rotation Playback**. The rotation angle is an absolute angle.

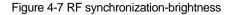
Figure 4-6 Solution rotation

Playback	Configuration		
	Solution Rotation	<u>د</u> ۵۰ م	
9	Synchronous Playing	🗸 Enable	
	Volume		50 % 🗘

# 4.2 Brightness Adjustment

Manually adjust the brightness or set rules of smart brightness adjustment.

When the information related to RF synchronization is displayed, as shown in Figure 4-7, it indicates that brightness synchronization is enabled on the current terminal. See relevant operations in 4.15 RF Management. RF synchronization requires you to specify a master device and slave devices. Users only need to set the brightness of the master device. The slave devices will keep the same brightness as the master device via the RF signal.



RF synchronization	Master device(Group ID: 777)
Manual	Smart
•	0 % 🗘



# 4.2.1 Manual Adjustment

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Brightness adjustment.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose Manual, and drag the slider or enter a value to adjust screen brightness.

# Figure 4-8 Manual adjustment

Manual	🔵 Smart
	30 %

#### 4.2.2 Smart Adjustment

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Brightness adjustment.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose Smart and click . In the window that appears, choose Timing or Auto and set the corresponding brightness adjustment rules, then click Add.

Figure 4-9 Smart brightness adjustment

🔵 Manual				🔵 Smart		
Auto bright	tness adjustme	nt table				
+ 2	×				Brightness Ma	pping Table
	Start time	Adjustment	Repeat	Validity Rar	nge	Enable
	00:00:00	Auto	Never	2020-08-03	3 ~ 2020-08-03	
	00:00:00	Timing 30%	Never	2020-06-23	3~2020-06-23	
	08:00:00	Auto	Never	2020-06-23	3~2020-06-23	
						Apply

Timing brightness adjustment: During the period that you set to enable smart adjustment, the screen brightness will be the fixed value that you manually set.



#### Figure 4-10 Scheduled brightness adjustment

	New	×
Timing	Auto	
Timing brightness	10 🗘 %	
Repeat	Every day 🗸 🗸	
Execution time	00:00:00	
Validity Range	2020/8/17 🛗 ~ Never expires 🛱	
	Add C	lose

• Automatic brightness adjustment: During the period that you set to enable auto adjustment, the screen brightness will be automatically adjusted according to the automatic brightness mapping table.

The automatic brightness mapping table divides the ambient brightness into several subsections and sets corresponding screen brightness to each subsection. The screen brightness will be automatically adjusted according to the ambient brightness subsection where the current ambient brightness belongs to.

Figure 4-11 Automatic brightness adjustment

	New	×
C Timing	Auto	
Repeat	Every day	
Execution time	00:00:00	<b></b>
Validity Range	2020/8/17 🛗 ~ Never expires	t
	Add	Close

#### Figure 4-12 Brightness mapping table

	Brightness Mapping Table			×
✓ If ambient brightness readir	ng fails, adjust the brightness to 🛛 3		; ck subsection	
Ambient brightness (Lux)	Screen Brightness (%)	Operate		
2000	30	ß	×	
2300	35	ß	×	
2600	40	ß	×	
2900	45	ß	×	
3200	50	ß	×	
3500	55	ß	×	
3800	60	ß	×	
		ОК	Cancel	

Step 4 After configuration, click **Apply**.

# 4.3 Video Source

Configure video source parameters and specify the rule of setting the input source to HDMI or the internal video source.

# 4.3.1 Video Source Parameter Configuration

Set the output offset position of the video source, resolution of the internal video source, and resolution of the HDMI video source.

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Video Source.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 In the **Parameter Configuration** area, configure the parameters.
  - Output Position: Set the start position of the image displayed on the screen.
  - Internal Resolution: Refers to the resolution of the operating system of the Taurus multimedia player. The internal resolution must be higher than the configured resolution of the screen.
  - HDMI Resolution: Refers to the resolution of the external video source input from the HDMI IN connector.

In studio mode, users can enable full screen zoom to let the image automatically fit the screen.

Requirments of full screen zoom in studio mode:

- 64 pixels  $\leq$  Video source width  $\leq$  2048 pixels
- Support for zooming out only



Figure 4-13 Parameter configuration

Parameter Config	uration						
	out Position (px)	x	0	•	Y	0	▲ ▼
Internal source							
	Resolution (px)	1280x7	20 <b>p</b> -60				
		Width	1280	•	Height	720	<b>▲</b>
HDMI							
	Resolution (px)	Width	1920	•	Height	1080	•
F	ull Screen Zoom	🗸 Enat	le				

Step 4 After the configuration, click Apply.

#### 4.3.2 Manual Switching

Immediately switch between the internal input source and HDMI input source.

- Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control** > **Video source**.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose Manual and configure parameters.

Figure 4-14 Manual switching

Manual	C Timing	HDMI preferred
Video source		
Video Source Type	Internal source	

Step 4 Click Apply.

4.3.3 Scheduled Switching

Switch between the internal input source and HDMI input source as scheduled.

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Video source.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose Timing.

Figure 4-15 Scheduled switching

🔵 Manua	I	Timing		O HDMI preferred
_	l adjustment list			
	Time	Туре	Repeat method	Sure to enable
	00:00:00	Internal source	Every day	<b></b>
	04:00:00	Internal source	Every day	•



Step 4 Click . In the pop-up dialog box, choose Internal or HDMI, and then set the time and cycle to use the video source. At last, click Add.

Figure 4-16 Creating a scheduled rule

A new time setting rule					
	Internal source				
Time	00:00:00	▲ ▼			
Repeat method	Every day	~			
	Add	Cancel			

Step 5 After the configuration, click Apply.

#### 4.3.4 HDMI Preferred

The HDMI port is preferred for playing the video in the synchronous mode.

#### Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Video source.

- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose HDMI preferred.

Figure 4-17 HDMI preferred

Current Screen: Information Obtained On:	Taurus-40002453 2020/8/17 10:14:39	Pr
- Manual	C Timing	HDMI preferred

Step 4 After configuration, click Apply.

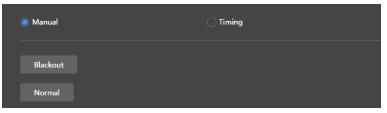
# 4.4 Screen Status Control

Set the current playing status of the screen.

#### 4.4.1 Manual Control

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Screen Status Control.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose Manual to enter the manual settings page.

Figure 4-18 Manual Control





#### Step 4 Click Blackout or Normal.

Here the blackout is to decrease the screen brightness to 0% instead of turning off the power.

#### 4.4.2 Timing Control

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Screen Status Control.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose **Timing** and click **t**. In the window that appears, click **Blackout** or **Normal** and set the playback time and interval, then click **Add**.

Figure 4-19 Scheduled control

🔵 Manual		Timing		
Scheduled adjustmer	ıt list			
+ 🛛 ×	ħ			
Time	Screen Control	Repeat	Enable	
08:00:00	Normal	Every day		
20:00:00	Blackout	Every day	•	
Figure 4-20 Crea	ating a scheduled ru	le		
	Ne	ew		×

	New	×
🔵 Blackout	Normal	
Time	00:00:00	¢
Repeat	Every day	
		Add Cancel

Step 4 After the settings, click Apply.

# 4.5 Time Synchronization

Time synchronization is used for syncing the time of terminal players.

Method	Time Reference	Application Scenario
Manual	Time of the PC with ViPlex Express installed	Manually set the time zone of the terminal.
NTP	Time of the NTP server	Sync the time of the Taurus with NTP or RF. Both of the two
RF	Time of the reference device	<ul> <li>methods are applicable to synchronous playback.</li> <li>The accuracy of NTP time synchronization depends on the network speed and is suitable for situations with a low requirement for synchronization.</li> </ul>

Table 4-1 Time synchronization methods

Method	Time Reference	Application Scenario	
		<ul> <li>RF time synchronization does not depend on the network and has a high synchronization performance. It is suitable for situations with a high requirement for synchronization.</li> </ul>	

Note:

To enable synchronous playback, you need to turn on the synchronous playback function after syncing the time with NTP or RF.

#### 4.5.1 Syncing Time Manually

Sync the time of the terminal with the date and time of the selected time zone.

#### Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Time synchronization management.

- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Select a time zone from the Time Zone drop-down box. You can also adjust the current date and time as required.

If the current time zone observes daylight saving time and the current date is within the range of daylight saving time, **Daylight saving time enabled** will be displayed, otherwise, it will not be displayed.

Figure 4-21 Selecting a time zone

Time synchronization		
Time zone	(UTC-06:00) America/Chicago	
Date and time	2020/8/16   21: 17: 53 Daylight saving time enabled	
	Auto sync time with NTP server	
	1 P	Apply

Step 4 After the settings, click Apply.

#### 4.5.2 NTP Time Synchronization

Sync the time of terminal players with the time of the NTP server.

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Time synchronization management.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 (Optional) Change the time zone in the **Time Zone** drop-down box.

If the current time zone observes daylight saving time and the current date is within the range of daylight saving time, **Daylight saving time enabled** will be displayed, otherwise, it will not be displayed.

Step 4 Select **Auto sync time with NTP server** and then select an NTP server to sync the time of the terminal with the time of the NTP server. If the existing NTP servers cannot meet the requirements, click to customize a server.



#### Figure 4-22 Selecting an NTP server

Time synchronization			
Time zone	(UTC-06:00) America/Chicago		
Date and time			
	Daylight saving time enabled		
	Auto sync time with NTP server		
NTP server	China		
	Appl	y	

Step 5 After the settings, click **Apply**.

# 4.5.3 RF Time Synchronization

#### **Related Information**

To use RF time synchronization, you need to set one of the Taurus units on the RF network as the master device and others as slave devices.

- The master device is used for time reference and the time of the slave devices is synced with the time of the master device via the RF signal.
- The Taurus allows the master device to sync time with an NTP server.

#### **Prerequisites**

- The Taurus products support RF synchronization, such as T3, T6, TB3, TB4, TB6, and TB8.
- Before RF time synchronization, RF modules must be installed. ViPlex Express can detect and display the RF module status.

# **Operating Procedure**

#### Set the master and slave devices

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > RF management.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Turn on **RF synchronization**.
- Step 4 Set the current device as the master device or slave device.
- Step 5 Set a group ID.

If you enter the group ID of the master device for a slave device, the slave device will be assigned to the same group as the master device.

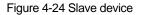
Step 6 Select Time synchronization.

After RF synchronization is applied, the time, brightness, volume, and environment monitoring data of the slave devices will be kept the same as the master device via the RF signal. Select the options that require RF synchronization.



#### Figure 4-23 Master device

Parameter Information	
RF synchronization	•
Set this terminal as	
Group ID	123
	Please enter a new group ID for the master device. Numbers and letters are supported.
Apply RF synchronization to	Time synchronization
	Apply



Parameter Information	
RF synchronization	•
Set this terminal as	O Master device O Slave device
Group ID	123
	Please enter a new group ID for the master device. Numbers and letters are supported.
Apply RF synchronization to	Time synchronization
	Brightness Synchronization
	Volume Synchronization
	Environment monitoring data
	Apply

#### Step 7 Click Apply.

#### Set a time synchronization method for the master device

You need to set time synchronization rules for the master device only and the time of the slave devices will be kept in sync with the time of the master device via the RF signal.

#### Step 8 Choose Terminal Control > Time synchronization management.

Step 9 Select the master terminal from the terminal list.

The information relating to RF synchronization is displayed, which indicates that RF synchronization of the current terminal is enabled.



Figure 4-25 RF synchronization-Time synchronization

RF synchronization	Master device(Group ID: 777)	
Time zone	(UTC+08:00) Asia/Shanghai	
Date and time		
	✓ Auto sync time with NTP server	
NTP server	China	
		Apply

Step 10 View the time zone and time of the current terminal.

If the current time zone observes daylight saving time and the current date is within the range of daylight saving time, **Daylight saving time enabled** will be displayed, otherwise, it will not be displayed.

- Step 11 Configure rules for time synchronization.
  - Manual time synchronization: Select a time zone from the **Time Zone** drop-down box to sync the time of the terminal with the date and time of the time zone. You can also adjust the current date and time as required.
  - NTP synchronization: Select Auto sync time with NTP server and then select an NTP server to sync the time of

the terminal with the time of the NTP server. If the existing NTP servers cannot meet the requirements, click to customize a server.

Step 12 After the settings, click Apply.

# 4.6 Restart Configuration

Restart terminals immediately and configure restart rules.

#### 4.6.1 Restarting Immediately

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Restart Configuration.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Click Restart Now.

Figure 4-26 Restart

ł	∜: Restart Configuration ∨					
				Current Screen:	Taurus-40002453	
		Screen Name ¢	Screen IP 🌲	Information Obtained On:	2020/8/17 10:29:46	
	•	Taurus-40002453	172.18.12.125	Restart Now		

Step 4 Click **OK** in the pop-up dialog box to restart the terminal immediately.

#### 4.6.2 Scheduled Restart

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Restart Configuration.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.

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Step 3 Click . Set the time and interval to restart a terminal in the pop-up dialog box and then click Add.

Figure 4-27 Scheduled adjustment

Scheduled adjustment list					
+	1 × #				
	Restart Time	Repeat method	Sure to enable		
	00:00:00	Every day	•		
	12:00:00	Every day	•		
	22:00:00	Every day	•		

#### Figure 4-28 Creating a scheduled rule

	A new time setting rule		×	
Time	00:00:00			
Repeat method	Every day	,		
		Add	Cancel	
				-

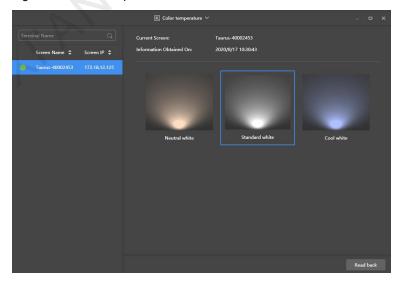
Step 4 After the settings, click Apply.

## 4.7 Color Temperature

Set the color temperature of the screen, including neutral white, standard white, and cool white.

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Color temperature.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Select a color temperature type.

Figure 4-29 Color temperature





# 4.8 Monitoring

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Monitoring.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Check the terminal hardware information listed below. If the terminal has an external storage device, you can also check the external storage information.
  - Disk size
  - Memory availability
  - CPU usage
  - Ambient brightness

Figure 4-30 Monitoring

	🕾 Monitoring Y _ 🗆 X
Terminal Name         Q           Screen Name \$         Screen IP \$           Taurus-40002453         172.18.12.125	Current screen: Taurus-40002453 Current information acquiring time: 2020/8/17 10:31:08
	Dick size Available 3.47 GB, Used 488.0 MB Clear All Media
	R R
	Read back

Step 4 If you want to clean up the hard disk, click Clear All Media to delete all the media and solutions.

## 4.9 Play Logs

View and export play logs.

## 4.9.1 Querying Play Logs

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Play logs.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose the time range of the play log that you want to view and then click Query.
- Step 4 In the paly log list, click a play log name to view the summary and detailed information of the log.

## 4.9.2 Exporting Play Logs

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Play logs.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 In the play log list, select the target play log.

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Step 4 Click Export.

Step 5 In the pop-up dialog box, choose the export path and format.

Step 6 Click OK.

## 4.10 Font Management

Manage the fonts supported by the Taurus.

## 4.10.1 Adding Fonts

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Font management.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Click next to **Name** to acquire local fonts on the PC.

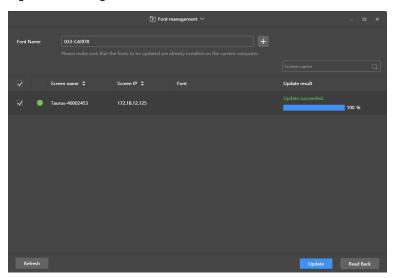
	Font	×
No.	Font Name	Font size
7	078-CAI978	41kb
8	079-CAI978	35kb
9	087-CAI978	37kb
10	126-CAI978	63kb
11	AcadEref	7kb
12	Agency FB	248kb
13	Aharoni	82kb
14	AIGDT	29kb
15	Algerian	74kb
16	AlternateGothic2 BT	26kb
		OK Cancel

- Step 4 Select the target font in the pop-up dialog box.
- Step 5 Click OK.
- Step 6 Click Update. The update progress will be shown in the Update result column.



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Figure 4-32 Adding a font



## 4.10.2 Deleting Fonts

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Font management.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 Click Read back at the bottom right to read back the fonts on the terminal.

Figure 4-33 Reading back a font

		E Font ma	anagement 🗸		
Font Name	033-CA1978 Please make sure that the				
🖌 Scr	een name 🌲	Screen IP 🜲	Font	Update result	
🖌 🌖 Tau	ırus-40002453	172.18.12.125			
Refresh				Update	Rend Back

Step 4 Click the link in the Font column of the target terminal. The Font list in terminal page is displayed.

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Figure 4	-34 Termina	al font list				
		Terminal Font List	X			
	Note: If a custom font and system font have the same name, terminals will use the custom font by default.					
Termi	nal Name: T	aurus-40002453				
D						
	No.	Font Name	Font Type			
	4	033-CAI978	Custom font			
	5	Arial	System font			
	6	Calibri	System font			
	7	KaiTi	System font			
	8	Microsoft YaHei	System font			
	9	SimSun	System font			
	10	Wingdings2	System font			
			Close			

Step 5 Select target fonts.

Step 6 Click Delete.

# 4.11 Network Configuration

Configure the current network, including wired network, Wi-Fi AP, Wi-Fi Sta, and mobile network.

## 4.11.1 Configuring Wired Network

## **Application Scenarios**

- Set IP address based on the actual needs while connecting terminals to the Internet via Ethernet cable.
- When the PC with ViPlex Express installed and the multimedia player are connected with an Ethernet cable, turn on the DHCP of the multimedia player and the DHCP service at the bottom left of ViPlex Express, select a local IP address, and then click **OK** to automatically connect to the Taurus.

If the connection is not stable, set a static IP address for the PC.



#### Figure 4-35 DHCP service (ViPlex Express)

ViPlex Express Async Mode	Terminals Solutions Advanced Solutions Terminal Control	© _ □ ×
	Online + Offine	Refresh 🔻
Screen Name 🗢	DHCP Service X	
	Network Adapter IP Address:	
VPlayer_ZN162XP3	<ul> <li>V Intel(T) Ethemet Connection (2) 1219 V</li> <li>172.18.12.111</li> <li>DK Cancel</li> </ul>	
DHCP Service 🦲		V2.3.0.0101.245

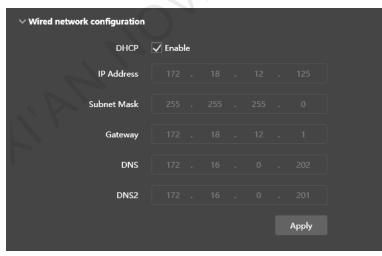
## **Related Information**

When the Taurus is delivered, the DHCP is turned on by default.

## **Operating Procedure**

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Network configuration.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 In the Wired network configuration area, perform the following operations based on actual needs.
  - Select Enable next to Dynamic DHCP to get an IP address automatically.
  - Deselect Enable next to Dynamic DHCP and configure a static IP address.

Figure 4-36 Wired network configuration



Step 4 Click Apply.

## 4.11.2 Configuring Wi-Fi AP

Change the SSID, password and channel of a terminal.

Step 1 Choose **Terminal Control** > **Network configuration**. www.novastar.tech



- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Under Screen AP configuration, do the following as required.
  - AP Status: Turn on/off the terminal Wi-Fi AP.
  - SSID and Password: Change the ID and password of the terminal Wi-Fi AP.

The default SSID of the terminal Wi-Fi AP is "AP + *Last 8 digits of the SN*" and the default password is "12345678".

Advanced > Channel: Switch the channel of the Wi-Fi AP.

The channel can be switched when the terminal software is V2.2.0 or later.

#### Figure 4-37 Screen AP configuration

∨ Screen AP configuration			
АР	•		$\langle \vee$
ssid	АР		
			0.1
Password	•••••	Ø	
	8–25 characters including numbers, letters and symbols		
Channel			
	Collapse		
	Apply		

Step 4 Click Apply.

## 4.11.3 Configuring Wi-Fi Sta

## **Application Scenarios**

- If the router is connected to the Internet, terminals can access the Internet via the router after Wi-Fi Sta is configured.
- The PC with ViPlex Express installed and the multimedia player are connected to the same WLAN via the Wi-Fi AP of the router.

PC with ViPlex Express Installed	1		Display
WI-FI	Router	n Multimedia Player	

## **Prerequisites**

The Taurus series products that support the WI-Fi Sta function include the TB3, TB6, and TB8.

## **Operating Procedure**

Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Network configuration.

Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list. www.novastar.tech



Step 3 In the Wi-Fi configuration area, turn on Wi-Fi.

Figure 4-38 Wi-Fi configuration

∨ Wi-Fi Configuration		
Wi-Fi		•
yonghedoujiang	PSK,WPA2	<b>□</b>
miaolegemi	PSK,WPA_WPA2	
NovaStar_Mobile	PSK,WPA_WPA2	
AP40002453	PSK,WPA2	- Î
TP_Link_123	PSK,WPA2	
P20 Harry	PSK,WPA2	

Step 4 Double click the Wi-Fi information of the router, enter the password and then click OK.

#### Figure 4-39 Wi-Fi connection

	Wi-Fi Connection	×
User Name Password	yonghedoujiang	
	ок	Cancel

### 4.11.4 Configuring Mobile Network

Terminals with a 4G module can access the Internet via a mobile network. ViPlex Express automatically detects mobile network status and displays the detection result.

Note:

The Taurus series products that can be installed with 4G modules include the TB1-4G, TB2-4G, TB3, TB4, TB6, and TB8.

- Step 1 Insert 4G card into the slot.
- Step 2 Choose Terminal Control > Network configuration.
- Step 3 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 4 On the Mobile network configuration page, turn on the mobile network.
- Step 5 Click Not to expand the APN configuration page.
- Step 6 Click Add.
- Step 7 Enter parameters according to the APN information provided by the carrier and then click **OK**.
- Step 8 Select the APN and click Connect.



## 4.11.5 Configuring Network Detection

Terminals ping the cloud platform and www.baidu.com to detect network connection status by default. Users can also configure required addresses to ping and enable or disable the addresses.

#### Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Network configuration.

- Step 2 Select the target terminal in the terminal list.
- Step 3 In Network Detection, configure detection addresses.
  - Click to add an address.
  - Click domesized to modify an address.
  - Click K to delete an address.

The default configuration cannot be modified and deleted.

#### Figure 4-40 Network detection

✓ Network Detection		
The player pings the addresses below to detect the r	network.	
1.2.3.4	✓ Enable	🗹 🗙 🔰
www.baidu.com	✓ Enable	
Cloud Platform	✓ Enable	
		<u></u>
		Apply

Step 4 Enable or disable detection addresses.

- Select Enable to detect the terminal network by pinging the corresponding address.
- Deselect **Enable** to detect terminal network not by pinging the corresponding address.

#### Step 5 Click Apply.

## 4.12 Server Configuration

Connect to VNNOX Standard/AD. Authentication information is required during the configuration.

How to check player authentication information:

Log in to VNNOX (www.vnnox.com) and choose 2 > **Player Authentication** on the homepage of the cloud platform.

#### 4.12.1 Binding to VNNOX Standard/AD

You can bind a terminal to VNNOX and create an asynchronous player.

#### Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Server configuration.



- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 In **Bind to VNNOX Standard/AD**, select a server and enter the authentication user name, authentication password and player name. The authentication information must be consistent with the information in VNNOX.

Figure 4-41	Binding to	VNNOX	Standard/AD

Bind to VNNOX Standard/AD		
	to VNNOX to unbind the player if y	
Server address		
Authentication User Name		
Authentication password		
Player Name		
	The player name will be displayed i	
Status		

Step 4 Click Bind.

### 4.12.2 Binding to iCare

Terminals can be registered on iCare. Multiple terminals can be selected for batch operations.

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Server configuration.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 In Bind to iCare, select a server and enter the user name.

The authentication information must be consistent with the information in VNNOX.

Figure 4-42 Binding to iCare

Bind to iCare			
	Server address	China ~	
	User Name	nova_huixy	
	Status	Bound	
		Bind	

Step 4 Click Bind.

## 4.13 Terminal Upgrade

- When the Taurus is earlier than V2.1.4, it cannot be directly upgraded to V3.0.0 or later. Users have to upgrade it to V2.1.4 by local upgrade first.
- When the Taurus is later than V2.1.4, there is no limit to the version during the upgrade.



#### Note:

Do not disconnect the power supply during the upgrade. The Taurus will restart once.

#### 4.13.1 Online Upgrade

Upgrade terminal versions online. Before you begin, please make sure that your PC can access the Internet.

#### Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Terminal Upgrade.

Step 2 Select Online Upgrade.

The system decides whether a terminal needs to be upgraded.

- Yes. The current version information and **More** will be displayed, as shown in Figure 4-43. Go to Step 3.
- No. Only the current version information is displayed. No further operation is required.

Figure 4-43 Online upgrade

							_	
			٢	Screen upgrade ∨				×
Upgrad	le metl	nod Online upg	rade	CLocal upgrade				
Total: 5								Q
		Screen Name ≑	Screen IP 🜲	Version	Туре	Progress		ñ
	•	Taurus-30003289	10.10.10.149	system: T6V010209CN0201 More software: 1.2.9.0201	Т6			
	•	Taurus-30003300	10.10.10.160	system: <b>T6V010209CN0201 More</b> software: <b>1.2.9.0201</b>	Т6			I
	•	Taurus-10000209	172.16.22.253	system: software:				

- Step 3 Click More and view the related information of the new version.
- Step 4 In the terminal information list, select one or more upgradable terminals and click Upgrade.

The upgrade progress is displayed.

## 4.13.2 Local Upgrade

Use local files to upgrade terminal versions.

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Terminal Upgrade.
- Step 2 Select Local Upgrade.
- Step 3 Select the upgrade package path.
- Step 4 In the terminal information list, select one or more upgradable terminals and click **Upgrade**. The upgrade progress is displayed.

## 4.14 Power Control

When the power switch in ViPlex Express is turned on, the relay will operate and the circuit is connected. When the power switch in ViPlex Express is turned off, the relay will release and the circuit is disconnected.



## 4.14.1 Configuring Power Tags

## **Application Scenarios**

Customizing a tag for each relay allows terminal relays with the same tag to operate or release uniformly.

## Prerequisites

- The terminal is connected to a relay card.
- The terminal software is V2.2.0 or later.

If the terminal software is earlier than V2.2.0, the **Power control** page of the earlier versions will be displayed and a prompt will be displayed to remind the user to upgrade the terminal to V2.2.0 or later.

## **Operating Procedure**

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Power control.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Click Configure Power Tag to access the Power Tag page. Do the following according to the actual conditions.
  - Board power: Control power supplies using relays on terminals. The default tag is Screen Power which can be customized.
  - External power: Control power supplies using relays on terminals with customized baseboards (Only when the TKS series terminals have customized baseboards and are installed with relays, external power supplies can be connected.) . The default tag is **Screen Power** which can be customized.
  - Multi-function card power: Control power supplies using relays on the MFN300 multi-function card. Only the tags selected and set for the multi-function card in NovaLCT can be viewed.

Step 4 Click OK.

#### 4.14.2 Controlling Power Manually

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Power control.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Select Manual to enter the manual setting page.
- Step 4 Turn on or off the power switch.

An example of information on the multi-function card power supply is shown in Figure 4-44.

#### Figure 4-44 Manual setting

	() Power control $$		x i
Terminal Name         Q           Terminal Name         Terminal IP           Taurus-40002453         172.18.12.125	Current Terminals Taurus-40002453 Information acquired Ons 2020/8/17 1450:57 Configure Power Tag		
	<ul> <li>Manual</li> <li>Scheduled</li> <li>1</li> <li>Enable</li> <li>Switch 8: Enable</li> <li>Switch 8: Close</li> </ul>		
		Read	Back

The tags in the orange box can be associated with one or more relay circuits. When multiple relay circuits are associated and each of them is turned on (or off), **Enable** (or **Close**) is displayed, otherwise, **Mixture** is displayed and the detailed information of each circuit is provided.

## 4.14.3 Controlling Power as Scheduled

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Power control.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Choose Scheduled and click . In the window that appears, specify the device to be controlled, time and interval, and then click OK.
- Step 4 After the settings are done, click Apply.

## 4.15 RF Management

Set parameters related to RF synchronization and apply the parameters to time synchronization, brightness synchronization, volume synchronization and environment monitoring data synchronization and enable or disable

The Taurus products that support RF management include the T3, T6, TB3, TB4, TB6, and TB8.

Before using RF synchronization, install an RF module. ViPlex Express can detect and display RF module status.

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > RF management.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 Turn on **RF synchronization**.
- Step 4 Set the current terminal as the master device or a slave device.
- Step 5 Set a group ID.

Enter the group ID of the master device for a slave device, and this slave device and the master device will be grouped.

Step 6 Select the options that require RF synchronization.

After RF synchronization is applied, the time, brightness, volume, and environment monitoring data of the slave device will keep the same as the master device via the RF signal.



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#### Figure 4-45 RF management

			(•)) RF	management 🗸				-	•	×
Terminal Name	Screen IP 🖨	Q Group ID		urrent screen: urrent information acquiring	time	Taurus-40002453 : 2020/8/17 10:42:01				
Taurus-40002453	172.18.12.125			arameter Information o RF module was detected.D RF synchronizat Set this terminal Group	ion I as	e agsin. Master device Slave of 123				
				Group		Please enter a new group ID for the main letters are supported.         Image synchronization         Brightness Synchronization         Volume Synchronization         Volume Synchronization         Inviconment monitoring data				
			sj	<b>ynchronous Playing</b> Synchronous Playing		∑ Enable	Арр	ly Read	back	-



## 4.16 Sensor

If a sensor is connected to the terminal, the user needs to connect to the sensor logically in ViPlex Express to enable the terminal to collect environment monitoring data.

When the related information of RF synchronization is displayed, as shown in Figure 4-46, it indicates that environment monitoring data synchronization is enabled on the current terminal. For related operations, see 4.15 RF Management. RF synchronization requires users to specify a master device and slave devices. Users need to set the sensors of the master device only and the monitoring data of the slave devices will the same as the master device via RF signal.

Figure 4-46 RF synchronization- environment monitoring data

RF synchronization	Master device(Group ID: 777)	
Product Model	NovaStar	~
Select Sensor	✓ Brightness	lux
	Air temperature	°C

- Step 2 Choose Terminal Control > Sensor.
- Step 1 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 2 Select a sensor manufacturer. Sensors of only NovaStar, Nenghui and Jingxun Changtong are supported.
- Step 3 Select a sensor type.
  - NovaStar: Brightness, temperature
  - Nenghui: Air temperature, air humidity, air pressure, wind direction, CO<sub>2</sub>, wind speed, PM2.5, PM10, noise, brightness
  - Jingxun Changtong: Wind direction, wind speed, PM2.5, PM10, air pressure, air temperature, air humidity, noise, brightness



Figure 4-47 Sensor types					
Parameter Configuration					
Product Model	Nenghui				
Select Sensor	Air temperature	°C			
	Air humidity	%RH kPa			
	Wind direction				
	CO2	ppm			
	Wind speed	Level			
	PM2.5	µg/m³			
	PM10	µg/m³			
	Noise	dB			
	Brightness	lux			
			Apply		

Step 4 After the configuration is done, click **Apply**.

## 4.17 Screen Information

The information displayed here includes the terminal MAC address, terminal IP address, system software version, product model, application software version.

- Step 1 Choose Terminal Control > Screen information.
- Step 2 Select the target terminal from the terminal list.
- Step 3 View the terminal information

Figure 4-48 Terminal information

	(i) Screen information				
Terminal Name Q Screen Name  Screen IP	Current screen: Information Obtained On:	Taurus-40002453 2020/8/17 10:46:46			
Taurus-40002453         172.18.12.125	Registered Address SN MC address IP address System Vension Product Model Major Software Vension IPGA vension Screen Management Software Collepse	BZSAT7375/11840002453 3034024243395 1721812125 T6V020200CN0601 T6 2.2.0.0601 2.0.0.18 2.2.0.0601			
			Rea	d back	

# **5** System Settings

At the top right of the page, click and select the required menu.

#### Table 5-1 System settings

Description
Set system language.
Select working mode including studio mode and async mode.
Manage the playback of all terminals except the reference device when the RF time synchronization mode is enabled. Before the operation, enter the password "admin".
Add, modify, or delete custom servers. Users can choose customized servers on the pages of connecting to cloud publishing
<ul> <li>and monitoring services and the page of setting NTP synchronization.</li> <li>Set the location to save files, including ViPlex Express configuration files, data, temporary files, etc.</li> <li>Specify FTP library version to improve the network adaptability of ViPlex Express.</li> <li>Enable or disable the automatic terminal reconnection function, and set the reconnection interval.</li> </ul>
Check for and install new updates of ViPlex Express.
View the documentation related to the software.
Display the version of ViPlex Express and the official website of NovaStar.



# $\boldsymbol{6}$ Audio and Video Decoder Specifications

# 6.1 Image

Туре	Codec	Supported Image Size	Container	Remarks	
JPEG	JFIF file format 1.02	48×48 pixels~8176×8176 pixels	JPG, JPEG	Not Support Non-interleaved Scan	
				Software support SRGB JPEG	
				Software support Adobe RGB JPEG	
BMP	BMP	No Restriction	BMP	N/A	
GIF	GIF	No Restriction	GIF	N/A	
PNG	PNG	No Restriction	PNG	N/A	
WEBP	WEBP	No Restriction	WEBP	N/A	
5.2 Audio					

# 6.2 Audio

Туре	Codec	Channel	Bit rate	Sampling rate	File Format	Remarks
MPEG	MPEG1/2/2.5 Audio Layer1/2/3	2	8kbps~320Kbps , CBR and VBR	8KHZ~48K Hz	MP1, MP2, MP3	N/A
Windows Media Audio	WMA Version 4, 4.1, 7, 8, 9, wmapro	2	8kbps~320Kbps	8KHZ~48K Hz	WMA	Non-support WMA Pro, lossless and MBR
WAV	MS-ADPCM, IMA-ADPCM, PCM	2	N/A	8KHZ~48K Hz	WAV	Support 4bit MS-ADPCM, IMA-ADPCM
OGG	Q1~Q10	2	N/A	8KHZ~48K Hz	OGG, OGA	N/A
FLAC	Compress Level 0~8	2	N/A	8KHZ~48K Hz	FLAC	N/A
AAC	ADIF, ATDS Header AAC-LC and AAC-HE, AAC-ELD	5.1	N/A	8KHZ~48K Hz	AAC, M4A	N/A
AMR	AMR-NB, AMR-WB	1	AMR-NB 4.75~12.2kbps @8kHz AMR-WB 6.60~23.85kbps	8KHZ, 16KHz	3GP	N/A
			@16kHz			
MIDI	MIDI Type 0 and 1, DLS version 1 and 2, XMF and Mobile XMF, RTTTL/RTX, OTA, iMelody	2	N/A	N/A	XMF, MXMF, RTTTL, RTX, OTA, IMY	N/A



# 6.3 Video

Туре	Codec	Supported Image Size	Maximum Frame Rate	Maximum Bit Rate (Ideal Case)	File Format	Remarks
MPEG- 1/2	MPEG- 1/2	48×48 pixels~1920×1080 pixels	30fps	80Mbps	DAT, MPG, VOB, TS	Support Field Coding
MPEG- 4	MPEG4	48×48 pixels~1920×1080 pixels	30fps	38.4Mbps	AVI, MKV, MP4, MOV, 3GP	Not support MS MPEG4 v1/v2/v3, GMC, DivX3/4/5/6/7 /10
H.264/ AVC	H.264	T3&T6&TB3&TB4& TB6&TB8: 48×48 pixels~4096×2304 pixels Other models: 48×48 pixels~1920×1080 pixels	T3&T6&TB3&TB 4&TB6&TB8: 4K@25fps, 1080P@60fps Other models: 1080P@60fps	T3&T6&TB3&TB 4&TB6&TB8: 100Mbps Other models: 57.2Mbps	AVI, MKV, MP4, MOV, 3GP, TS, FLV	Support Field Coding, MBAFF
MVC	H.264 MVC	48×48 pixels~1920×1080 pixels	60fps	38.4Mbps	MKV, TS	Support Stereo High Profile only
H.265/ HEVC	H.265/ HEVC	T3&T6&TB3&TB4& TB6&TB8: 64×64 pixels~4096×2304 pixels Other models: 64×64 pixels~1920×1080 pixels	T3&T6&TB3&TB 4&TB6&TB8: 4K@60fps, 1080P@60fps Other models: 1080P@60fps	T3&T6&TB3&TB 4&TB6&TB8: 100Mbps Other models: 57.2Mbps	MKV, MP4, MOV, TS	Support Main Profile, Tile & Slice
GOOG LE VP8	VP8	48×48 pixels~1920×1080 pixels	30fps	38.4 Mbps	WEBM, MKV	N/A
H.263	H.263	SQCIF(128×96), QCIF(176×144), CIF(352×288), 4CIF(704×576)	30fps	38.4Mbps	3GP, MOV, MP4	Not support H.263+
VC-1	VC-1	48×48 pixels~1920×1080 pixels	30fps	45Mbps	WMV, ASF, TS, MKV, AVI	N/A
MOTIO N JPEG	MJPEG	48×48 pixels~1920×1080 pixels	30fps	38.4Mbps	AVI	N/A

Note: Output data format is YUV420 semi-planar, and YUV400(monochrome) is also supported for H.264.

# 7 Limitations on Cut-to-Display Windows for Regular Screens

Product	ТВ4, ТВ6, ТВ8	TB1-4G (Optional 4G), TB2-4G (Optional 4G)	
Recommended screen resolution	4096 × 288	1920 × 1080	
(width × height)			
Number of parts	Cut horizontally: Actual screen width/Playback window width ≤8		



Cut vertically: Actual screen height/Playback window height ≤8

# 8 Limitations on Playback Parameters for Ultra-long Screens

Product	TB4, TB6, TB8	TB1-4G (Optional 4G), TB2-4G (Optional 4G)
Recommended screen resolution (width × height)	4096×288	1920×1080
Maximum picture resolution	The total number of pixels cannot exceed the screen resolution.	The total number of pixels cannot exceed the screen resolution.
Number of videos (resolution x number)	Number of videos that can be played simultaneously: (Choose one from the following 4 options) 4K x 1 1080P x 2 720P x 4 (480×45) x 6	Number of videos that can be played simultaneously: (Choose one from the following 3 options) 1080P x 1 720P x 2 (480×45) x 4
Scrolling text	Maximum font size: 24 px Maximum number of characters: 2000	Maximum font size: 24 px Maximum number of characters: 2000



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